

Bar Hill News

May '01 No. 376

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Bar Hill Residents' Association

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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
Commercial '¼ page' Ads.	£10	Adverts Co-ordinator	1st of previous
Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£5	Editor	15th
Commercial 'Mini' Ads.	£2.50	Editor	15th
Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

The '¼ page' adverts are for local businesses and we guarantee that they are always printed. This often results in a 'waiting list'. To overcome this we provide 'mini' and 'maxi' adverts that we use as 'fillers' for the text pages and do not guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions on the number of pages we can produce. Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via bhneditor@yahoo.com.

Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954)

Health Centre 780442

Health Visitors - 781855

Dr. Hassan, Dr. Ranasinghe and the practice's nurse

Surgery hours are Mon. To Fri. 8.30 to 12.00 am & 2.00 to 6.00 pm

Out of hours 'Emergencies'

Saturday mornings: 9.00 - 11.00 am 1 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. All other emergencies phone 01223 364127

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	Day of Week	AM	Day of Week	PM
Physiotherapist	Monday	8.40 onwards	Tuesday	3 pm onwards
Midwife (Antenatals)			Monday	2 pm onwards
Child Health Clinic			1st and 3rd Fridays	2 pm onwards
Chiropody	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9.00 - 12.00	Thursday	2 - 5 pm
Dietitian	1st Tuesday	9.30 - 12.30		
Orthoptist	2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday	9.00 - 12.30		
Psychiatric Nurse			1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday	2 pm onwards
CAMTAD	4th Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30		
Consultant Pediatrician			3rd Wednesday	2 - 5 pm

Useful telephone numbers

BHN (Editor - Margaret Carpenter)	200941
BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters)	201421
Church (Rev. Gary Renison)	781629
Conservative Party (Iris Lay)	205265
Health Centre	780442
Liberal Democrat Party (Tom Flanagan)	780571
Parish Council	780456
Police (PC 1187 Richard Newman)	01223 358966
Pre-School Playgroup	206179
Samaritans	01223 364455
School	273305
Social Club	206117
Sunshine Pre-School	789099
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Village Hall	206179



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Dear Editor,

For the past 40 years, the Cambridge Branch of the Samaritans have been providing confidential emotional support, 24 hours a day, for the people of Bar Hill and the rest of the Cambridge District. Anyone who is experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide, can contact them on **01223 364455**.

However, in order to continue to provide this service, the Samaritans are in need of more volunteers. So, if you are open-minded and compassionate and are good at listening to others - without giving advice - then they would like to hear from you. The Freephone number for Recruitment is **0800 298 6004**



OFSTED Report Feedback

The committee would like to say a big thank you and **Well Done** to our play leaders Sonya and Julie for all the hard work that they put into getting the play group through it's OFSTED inspection in February. The feedback from the inspector was fantastic and confirmed that the play leaders are doing a brilliant job with our young children. The only recommendation made was that we get a computer. This was immediately put right by the kind donation of a computer by Mr Denston. A big thank you for your generous donation.

In fact the inspector was so impressed that OFSTED will not be returning for another four years. This is a real triumph for Bar Hill Pre-school playgroup.

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In Southern Division, three Crime and Disorder Partnerships exist; South Cambs, East Cambs and Cambridge City. Each Partnership group is made up of a number of different agency representatives including, Police, Local Authorities, health and Probation, who each work together to reduce crime and disorder in the community.

All the Partnerships have set up groups to take a more detailed look at particular problems. South Cambs, for instance, have groups looking at the most prevalent types of crime, namely, burglary, vehicle crime, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and domestic violence. However, in East Cambs, there are groups taking an overview of all the community safety issues in those areas with the highest crime levels.

Each Crime and Disorder Partnership has a small amount of money available for funding crime reduction projects that link to the priorities of the Partnerships.

In you are interested in joining a group or would like more information about funding contact:

South Cambs - Tara Edwards, Community safety officer, South Cambs District Council: 01223 724144

Gemma Plummer, Community Safety and Partnership Coordinator, Parkside Police Station: 01223 823527. East Cambs - Martin Blake, Housing and Corporate Policy manager, East Cambs District Council: 01353 665555

- Julie Buck, Community Safety and Partnership Coordinator, Parkside Police Station: 01223 823527.

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Cold and wet with snow.

I know in which ditch the heron will stand,
waiting for a meal to come by.
Be it fish, frog or eel,
When sated away he'll fly.

I used to know where the otter could be found
Used to stand and watch him play.
But he's gone now, thanks to pesticides.
I hope he'll come back one day.

I can smell that a dog fox passed this way
Sometime during the night.
He's now returned to his den and cubs
Before it gets too light.

The badger and fox have been looking for worms
Tracks have been left by their paws
If you're not sure which is which
The Badger's got longer claws.

In the sky the black clouds are coming
Not sure if it's snow or rain.
But it's time to pull up my collar
and head for home again

The months move on, it's getting warmer,
Lots more birds are on the wing.
Buds burst open on the bushes
It seems like this is Spring.

When the Summer comes with its halcyon days,
And you can relax in the shade of a tree.
Taking in the beauty that surrounds you.
Your mind is peaceful and free.

Nick Richardson

Ode to TESCO

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Bar Hill catnaps fitfully
As silently she weeps

Pam

Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those held by the Residents' Association Committee. Alternative viewpoints are always welcome but anonymous letters will not be printed. The Editor reserves the right to withhold names and addresses where appropriate.



Don Miller

Dawn, James, Sara and Richard would like to say thank you to all friends and neighbours who sent messages, cards, flowers and practical help in their recent sad bereavement. It has been a tremendous help and comfort to us.

Dawn Miller

Relocation of Bar Hill Post Office to Martin Newsagents (Formerly Forbuys)

Bar Hill Post Office will be closed on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May to enable us to relocate to our new shop unit. We will reopen for trade on Monday 14th May at 9.00am.

Our address will be 13-15 The Mall Bar Hill Cambs, CB3 8DZ, and our phone number remains 780277.

We look forward to welcoming our customers to the new Post Office, and remain grateful for the public co-operation and support during this time

Thank you

Heather, Ann, Margaret, Kathleen.



Scout Jumble Sale

Sat. 12 May, 2.00 - 4.00 pm

If you have any Jumble then please bring it to the Scout Hut on Friday night or Saturday morning or leave outside clearly marked with 'Scout Jumble' on Friday evening. If you have lots of jumble then please ring Tracy (200918) for a time when we will collect it.

Thank you

Dear Editor,

For some time there has been a problem with nuisance, vandalism and litter in the area bounded by the Dental Surgery, Health Centre, Church and Hanover Close. The behaviour and language of those responsible for this problem, and those who associate with them, has been a source of considerable distress and frustration. They have shown a selfish lack of regard for persons and property.

Recently this problem has grown in scale and effect. Residents, users of the facilities and staff alike have been subjected to an intolerable level of abuse and wanton damage to their environment. We do not believe that this problem is one that we as a village community should continue to tolerate. We believe that concerted action is necessary.

When our community was established it was founded on the principle of providing a safe and clean environment in which to live and work. We want this to be true of our present community also. We want positively to promote the physical and moral environment in which we and our children carry out our ordinary activities, and to protect those who are vulnerable.

To this end we have met and unanimously agreed a course of action. We intend to extend the present 24 hour CCTV coverage provided in our community to include every part of the area referred to above: presently some coverage is already in operation. As a result of this we intend to prosecute anyone caught on camera engaged in criminal or anti-social activity.

We are certain that this will be of benefit to our community, although we are naturally sad that we have been forced into this position. We hope, however, that we have your support for the stand we are taking to make our village a safe, clean and positive place in which to live.

Yours sincerely,

Pete Yale - Dental Surgeon - Bar Hill Dental Practice
Mr. Newman Andy - Health Centre Manager
Dr. Hanover - Hanover House Group
Mr. W. P. Bar Hill C.P. School
Margaret Cooper Chair Bar Hill Residents' Association
Mr. G. P. Fox - Finance Secretary
Rev. Gary Reinson, Minister, Bar Hill Church
Bar Hill Parish Council

Dear Editor,

Next month the residents of Bar Hill will be asked to vote for their County Councillor.

The person I vote for should:

- * Address the needs of Bar Hill residents.

- * Try to redress the massive 20% cut in funding for our Youth 'Drop-in' Centre.

- * Take steps to ban all HGV overnight parking in Bar Hill.

- * Attend Parish Council meetings.

- * Respond to letters, phone calls and e-mails from residents and the Parish Council.

- * Follow through and implement requests from the Parish Council on behalf of the Village.

- * Ensure that damaged County footpaths within the Village, some of which were identified nearly a decade ago, are repaired.

- * Increase policing in the Village to combat criminal damage, car theft and burglaries. (You may recall the proud boast at the last Parish AGM that Cambridgeshire people were consulted regarding a large increase in Community Charges so as to increase police numbers. Bar Hill has not benefitted from this increased tax).

In short I shall vote for a 'Can do, will do' person, willing to take action on all the above points and problems that have plagued the Village over the last few years, someone who cares for the Village and its residents.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Boughton-Fox

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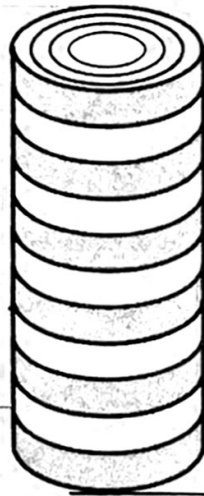
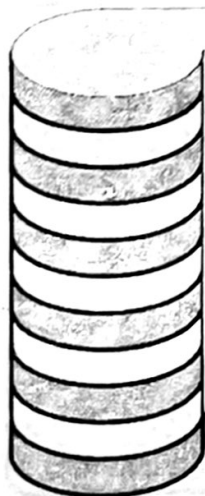
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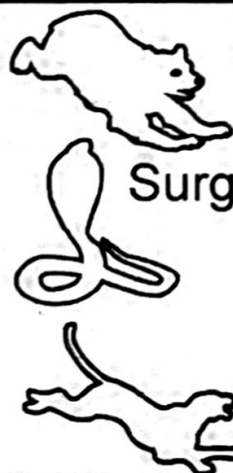
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The lighter nights are with us! The time is right to start up, if you do not already have one, a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area.

There is no standard format or blueprint for Neighbourhood Watch. It belongs to the people for their own comfort and protection. Once set up there is very little maintenance. Ideally each street needs one co-ordinator and several 'deputies' who will work with him/her. All of you will serve as a liaison between your residents and the police. It is a wonderful way of getting to know your neighbours.

However Neighbourhood Watch is not only about erecting signs and helping to prevent crime. It rests on the concept of good neighbourliness. The basic idea is simple. Neighbours join together to look out for each other, their homes and surroundings. Things like removing newspapers and milk bottles from the doorstep if they accumulate or if you know your neighbour is away from home.

You may think that you already do all this, but by establishing a Neighbourhood Watch scheme you are telling everyone, particularly the would-be criminal, that you are a combined force who will protect each other.

There are still some areas in the Village that do not have any or complete cover. Do not think that because there are Neighbourhood Watch signs in your particular street that the whole of the area is covered, this may well not be the case. If you have any doubts at all please call me on the telephone number below. I will give all the help I can in setting up individual schemes and we have the backing of P.C. Richard Newman and the Histon police section, at all times.

Please think very seriously about Neighbourhood Watch cover in your area; remember most insurance companies give a discount if you are able to prove membership!

In the meantime do take care. Do not let anyone into your home unless you have made all the checks to ensure the caller is genuine, a telephone call to the company on the i.d. card could save a great deal of heartache and/or loss.

Jill Smith (Village co-ordinator) 215453

Policing Bar Hill

For the period 15th March to 15th April theft from motor vehicles features fairly prominently across the Histon sector with Bar Hill not escaping. The weekend 7-8th April had a heavy spate with the most common means of entry by smashing a window and property stolen. Wherever possible remove ALL property from view - loose change / CDs / stereos etc. are all being stolen. Consider also alarms and parking in well lit areas.

Three youths have been identified and dealt with for damage in the Hanover Close area and arrests continue at Tesco (10 plus)

Richard Newman PC 1187


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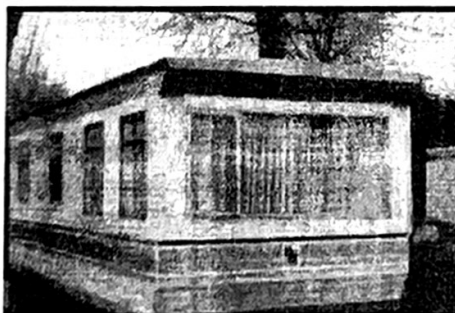


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Needed

Help with domestic cleaning. High Street Dry Drayton (Bar Hill end). Two mornings a week. Phone 781690 for more details.



We will be moving to our new address on or around 7th May. The details of the new address and phone numbers are as follows:

KITCHEN Smiths
4 Station Road
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The Sunshine Pre-School is in the brightly painted building near the School.

As a member of the Pre-School Alliance, the Pre-School offers a secure and comfortable environment for young children to learn and develop at their own pace.

Our garden area has a roadway, climbing frame, children's playhouse, and many other attractive features, stimulating the children's imagination!

Each session is structured as follows:- During the first half of the session the children are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities - sand and water play, painting, craft, construction play and activities to develop reading, writing and social skills.

After the break for milk and fruit, comes 'show and tell'. This is where the children talk about an item that they have brought with them or a subject that interests them.

Note that the term after your child's 4th birthday he/she is entitled to 5 sessions a week FREE. We now accept children from the age of 2½ years (providing they are toilet trained).

Sunbeams (18 - 36 months)

Thursdays (1 to 3pm). Each session consists of painting, playing with sand and a large choice of other activities. After a break for milk and fruit, the children play outside (weather permitting) in our fenced off garden, where there is a wide variety of attractive features to play with. The session is then drawn to a close with a singsong.

Hiring the building

All day weekends and School holidays - the charges are:-

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Session Times:-

Mon - Fri 9-11.30 & 12.30-3.00 pm.

Useful numbers

Sunshine Building 789099
Hiring the building Caroline Rankin 204279
Administrator Vicky Wood 205497
(before 7pm weekdays only)

Karaoke evening

Thank you to everyone who supported our 70/80's Karaoke evening on the 7 April - a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Alison and Sharon for organising the event. You never know they may organise another one - watch this space!

Easter Playday

Hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Playday despite the rain! Hope you are keen to start the new term, and haven't eaten too much chocolate!

Auction of Promises - Fri 11 May, 8 pm Moat House Hotel

This is our big event of the year. Auction items include restaurant vouchers, theme park and travel reductions, as well as airline tickets and lots more. Licensed bar and disco on the night. Catalogues detailing auction items priced at £1.50. (Entrance by catalogue only). Available from School Office or Sunshine Pre-school.

Diary Dates

Fri. 11th May - Auction of Promises, 8 pm at the Moat House Hotel.

Thu. 14th June - Trip to Activity World Peterborough. Coach leaving Bar Hill at 9.30 am, arriving back in time for picking up older school children. Please sign list at Sunshine if you're interested.

Thu. 5th July - Teddy Bears Picnic

Wed. 18th July - End of term Sunshine Bar-B-Q



'Tots & Teds' is open to all children aged between 1 and 3 years.

At each session there is a wide choice of things to make or do, for example painting, messy play, sand, play dough, prams, bikes, Duplo, large activity toys, books, puzzles and much more. In the summer we have a safe enclosed garden to play in with lots of outdoor toys.

Sessions are held in the Church Centre every Monday - Friday during term time from 9.45 - 11.15 am. (Wed. is for 12-18 months only).

Monday Pay & Play is held during term time from 1.30 - 3.00 and is open to all pre-school children. Children are welcome to attend Tots and Teds as well as a playgroup up to the age of 3 years.

To find out more or book a session, please contact: Gail Pridgeon 203229. You are more than welcome to call in and have a chat with our supervisors, Jo and Louise.

Pay & Play

Every Monday afternoon 1.30 - 3.00pm in the Meetings Room. **No need to book.** £1.70 (£1 siblings) includes a drink and biscuit. Open to all pre-school children. Run by Louise.

The New Committee

The new Committee is now up and running, but we still have a vacancy for a publicist and a secretary. So if you could do either of these please contact Tina 789778 and come and join our merry bunch!

Name Change

As you can see, we have changed our name and logo. This is to try to encourage more people from surrounding villages who may think that having Bar Hill in our name we are only available to children in our village. We would love more children to come to our sessions, so if you, or anyone you know, would like to come, then contact either Tina or Gail for more information.

Tina Andrews 789778

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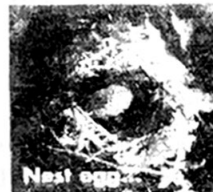
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Welcome to The Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup.

You will find us in the Village Hall Centre on the Village Green, which can easily be reached by footpath or from the perimeter road via The Spinney.

The playgroup is a non profit making, community playgroup. We encourage parental involvement and the playgroup is run by a volunteer parent committee. There is the opportunity to "parent help" in some sessions. This not only allows you to be a part of playgroup life but also substantially reduces your fees.

The aim of our community playgroup is to enhance the personal and social development of **all** children placed in our care. This is achieved through the various activities we have in our **two rooms**, which provides the educational setting required by OFSTED. Our friendly staff team - Sonya, Julie and Lisa run all of our sessions.

Session times: -

Mon, Wed & Thu. 9.15 - 11.45 am
Tue. 'Playtots' 9.30 - 11.00 am
Tue. 12.15 - 2.45 pm
Fri. 'Rising Fives' 9.15 - 12.45 am
(packed lunch to be provided by parents.)

Information

We pride ourselves on our warm and friendly atmosphere, which we believe helps children to feel comfortable and more able to develop their social skills. We have a wide range of equipment to encourage children to experiment with various types of play. This includes a slide, climbing frame, a playhouse, various dressing-up clothes, a Brio train set, a sand/water play area, a painting area, a book corner and too many puzzles and games to mention!

Each session is well balanced incorporating a timetable of events in both rooms. Our **Craft Room** provides us with the facilities to develop mathematics, scientific reasoning and Information Technology through a series of topics that incorporate the use of all the equip-

ment.

If you would like to call in and see what we offer, please do. The staff will be happy to see you. Our recent OFSTED inspection report is held at Playgroup and we would be glad to show it to you.

Playtots

This is run by Lisa on a Tuesday morning and is an excellent way for your tiny tots to get used to the idea of playgroup. The starting age is just **One Year old until Two and a half**. It is popular with both parents and childminders and really gives children the chance to enjoy playing and crafts. We want to give parents maximum time to enjoy playing with their children and to have a well-deserved break, so no tidying or clearing up duties. The playgroup takes care of that. Tea and Coffee is available for adults, and children are given a drink and a biscuit as part of the entrance fee. The other good news is that it is "pay on the day" so you don't lose out if you can't make it one week.

Come and see us, no need to book, just turn up on the day.

Diary Dates

Fri. 1st June Pirate Playday and Cake sale.

£1.50 entrance fee for 1st child and £1 for each child there after. Upper age limit 9 years. Lots of crafts and drama for everyone.

Job opportunities

We are still looking to employ two relief assistant playleaders. No qualification necessary. Would suit a retired person. Please contact Tracey Harding on **203739**.

Nursery Grant

Under the Nursery Grant Scheme, if your child is eligible, then the term after their 4th birthday he/she is entitled to **5 free sessions per week**. Please ring Julie Jolley on **780445** for more information.

Places

For places ring Julie Jolley on **780445**. Application forms are available at Playgroup, The Library and the foyer of the Village Hall.

Subsidised places

We are happy to offer subsidised places to parents on Income Support or Family Credit. Any such request will go before the committee together with supporting documentation supplied by the applicant and will be dealt with on an individual basis. Requests would be dealt with in a confidential manner.


Please note that we also offer discounts if your child attends more than 4 sessions per week.

Only one discount/subsidy will be allowed per child. Please call our administrator, Julie Jolley, on **780445** for more information.

All that is red!

Congratulations to the two winners of the "All that is red" sponsored event. Ethan Bailey raised the most money and Kirsty Paine collected the most red bits. Thank you to everyone who participated in this. We raised over £250 for the Pre School Playgroup.

Anna Moorhouse



Sessions 3.00pm - 4.00pm in the Studio

Dates for 2001 are 4th and 18th May, 15th June, 6th and 20th July.

Annual General Meeting

31st May 8.00pm in the Community Lounge. The Toy Library is 20 years old this year. Join now and keep it open!

Cake Stalls

15th June 3.00pm - 4.00pm outside the Community Lounge

We made £42.90 at our last stall. Come and buy a treat for the family.

Nearly New Sale

Thank you to everyone for their help and support last weekend. The date of the next sale is 22nd Sept.

For more information about Toy Library pick up a copy of our latest Newsletter at Toy Library sessions (see teddy for times), visit our website at **iam/barhilltoylibrary** or ring Avril on **782431**

Bar Hill School PTA

Forthcoming Events

Sat. 5th May, 8.30 to 12.00 - **Carboot, bike and large garden toy sale** in the school playground. (Gates open at 8.00). Contact Kevin Salaman 201668 to book a pitch for £5 or pay £7 on the day. To sell your bike or large garden toys contact Kevin for a seller form.

Plant sale. Don't forget to collect your plants from the school car park after 10.00am. Additional plants will also be available for sale on the day.

Children's suitcase sale - Turn up on the day and sell your unwanted toys etc. £1.00 entry fee.

Thu. 17th May, 3.15 to 7.40pm - **Fun Ice** - Back by popular demand. Book a time slot at the school office £2.

Fri. 25th May, 3.15pm - **Cake Stall** - in the School Hall.

Sat. 23rd June - Family Fun Day - Football Tournament, Karaoke, BBQ, fun races, Q103 Black Thunder, bouncy castle, beer tent, refreshments, stalls etc. Grand Draw tickets on sale from the school office 20p each or £1.00 per book.

Bar Hill Childminders

For information and up-to-date list of Registered Childminders with vacancies phone Jacky Amey **780249** Fay Flack **781244**.

We have a weekly 'drop-in' known as 'coffee & kids' in the Octagon each Thursday morning 10.00-11.30 am run by childminders but open to all parents and carers of pre-school children. Entrance is 50p with a small charge for refreshments. If you would like to meet us or just pop in for a cuppa with somewhere for the children to play, we'd love to see you!

Other useful numbers - Cambridge County Council Social Services **01223 235105**

Opportunity Links (local vacancies) **01223 566522**

1st Bar Hill Scout Group

Dear Parents, friends, acquaintances, in fact everyone,
Please Help!

As you may (or may not) be aware the Bar Hill Scout Group owns its building. The care, control and upkeep of the building is the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

The committee consists of volunteers. Currently, we have a Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and four other untitled, but equally important, members who work in conjunction with the Group Scout Leader and pack leaders.

At the next Annual General Meeting we are going to lose our Secretary and two, maybe three, other committee members because of other commitments. You may have already heard we are also losing a highly valued Pack Leader. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they have done for us over the past few years. It is appreciated more than I can say in words.

However, under the constitution of the Scouting Movement and Charity Law the building cannot function without a full committee so, as you will appreciate, if we cannot recruit more members in time for the AGM the Executive Committee will be unable to exist.

The AGM takes place on 14th May at 7.30pm.

By default, this means that the Beavers, Cubs and indeed The Playstation Out Of School Club will not have premises to operate from and so may have to close.

Your children (and mine) will lose the benefit of the activities that take place in the building.

We don't ask much of our committee just

- * A couple of hours on a Monday night, once a month in term time for meetings

- * Help at our fund-raising events whenever they can.

As for the Secretary, the only extra task is to write up, as briefly as possible, the minutes of the meeting and arrange for them to be distributed to the Committee members.

Please don't read this and forget it. Take a few minutes to really consider the consequences because if no-one

- * Can be bothered or

- * Make the time

- or if everyone thinks

- * Someone else will do it

- * It won't happen

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Janet Kempson **780778**

Jill Cleaver-Wright **212405**

PS. We desperately need helpers for the Packs too. It's a bit pointless having a Committee for no active packs!

'The Playstation' is held at the Scout Hut and is open after school



until 6pm and during the school holidays and school Training Days 8.30am - 6pm. We provide a fun environment for all primary school aged children. We have a computer, Playstation, television, video, stereo, games tables, numerous craft activities, construction toys, games, various outdoor activities, and lots more to stimulate your children's imagination.

We are not only able to provide support for working parents, but we also welcome your children to join our Club for fun sessions. During the holidays we are also able to take children from the surrounding area on a first come, first served basis.

We are registered with and regularly inspected by Social Services, The Out of School Club Association and are members of the Kids Club Network. Parents using our facilities can claim child care costs if they are eligible for working families tax credit.

All staff meet fully with Social Services requirements, are First Aid trained and attend regular training sessions run by The Out of School Club Association and the Kids Club Network. Our staff are Patsie, Dawn, Debra, Jackie and Sarah.

If you would like more information or would like to visit us, please feel free to contact Patsie **201079**.

Our first Birthday Party was a success and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

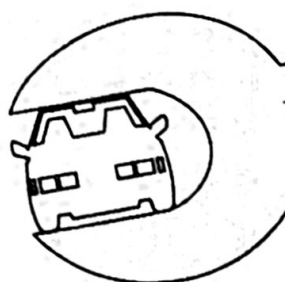
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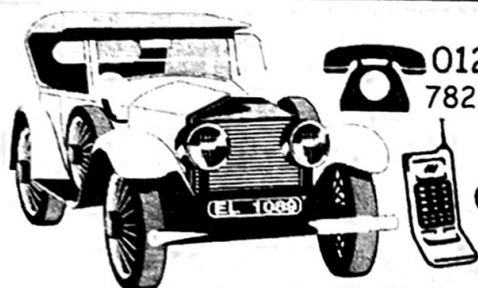
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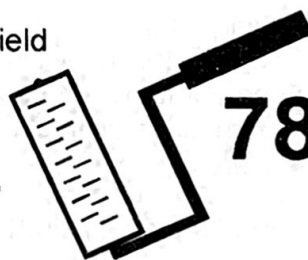
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






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At our last meeting we said farewell to our Vice Chairman Dave Cook who has moved to Yorkshire. He was also our Poppy Organiser, a position he had held for the

past 10 years, a task he performed with great efficiency and he will be greatly missed. We wish him and Barbara well in their new surroundings.

A party of 18 of our members enjoyed their Scottish holiday in early April. The pick-up point at Bar Hill was most convenient and all the coach journeys and daily excursions well planned. Our accommodation was in the new Loch Tummel Hotel and surprisingly the weather was fine all the time we were in Scotland. The return journey in monsoon type conditions did nothing to change our views that we had all enjoyed a pleasant holiday and would like a repeat.

Our next meeting will be on Thu. 24th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

E. A. Patrick 782136

Conservatives

Sat. May 5th - Supper Party. Tickets £7.50 each. Venue to be announced. Guest speaker James Paice MP South East Cambridgeshire.

Sun. July 15th - Summer lunchtime barbecue at 4 Hollytrees by kind invitation of Cllr. & Mrs. John Reynolds. Tickets £8 each. Time 12 for 12.30 pm.

Sat. Sept. 8th - Supper with guest speaker Robert Sturdy MEP to be held at 52 Moat Way, Swavesey. By kind invitation of Dr. & Mrs. Richard Ottley. Tickets £8 each. 7 for 7.30 pm.

Sat. Dec. 8th - Xmas Lunch. Andrew Lansley CBE MP will be our guest speaker. Tickets £10 each. 12 for 12.30 pm. Venue to be arranged.

Tickets for all events from Iris Lay - 121 Appletrees 205265.



National Women's Register

We meet once a fortnight on a Monday or Thursday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of varied ages and a cross section of occupations. Newcomers are always welcome, so why not come along and join us?

Diary Dates

Thu. 10th May. - Decisions - decisions. At: 55 Acorn Avenue.

Mon. 21st May. - The hand that rocks the cradle. At: 55 Acorn Avenue.

Thu. 7th June. - Room 101. At: 15 Partridge Drive.

Mon. 18th June. - Talk on Cambridge Folklore. At: 4 Almond Grove.

Thu. 5th July. - Costume evening (members only).

If you would like to attend one of our meetings or require further information, please don't hesitate to ring Janet Morris 782441 or Brenda Bigos 202416

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 O'Clock Club is for women and we meet on the first Thursday of each month. Our meetings are very informal. We have speakers, demonstrators, meals out and once a year a Theatre Trip.



Diary Dates

Thu. 3rd May Birthday Party. Members only.

Thu. 7th June British Red Cross

Thu. 5th July Mystery Tour

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Swavesey Village College - Reunion

We are having a School reunion for all the pupils who left in 1980 or 1981. The reunion will be held at Swavesey Village College on Friday 13th July at 8.00pm until 1.00am.

There will be a licensed bar, Disco and nibbles.

Tickets are only £5 each.

If you are interested in coming and joining in the fun, please fill in the form below and send it back to either Tracey or Tricia with a £5 cheque made payable to the school reunion fund.

Tracey Haydon, 13 Curlew Close St Ives PE27 6HL

Tricia Roitman, 46 Crown Walk St Ives PE27 5QN

I would like to come to the school reunion and enclose a cheque for £5

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Football Club

AGM

8.15pm Tue. 22nd May

Village Hall

A new committee is to be elected and there is an urgent requirement for a First Team manager.

Bar Hill Cricket Club

The season starts properly on May 5th with our first League game of the season away to Yelling.

As you can see from the May fixtures there will be plenty of opportunity for anyone who wants a game to get one. If you are interested in playing for either of the adult cricket teams, then contact Simon Smith, **200207** or Peter Lemon, **201502**.

May Fixtures

Day	Opposition	Type	Venue
5 th	Yelling II	League	A
6 th	Cottenham	Friendly	H
7 th	Waterbeach	U 11's	H
9 th	Papworth/Longstanton Grasshoppers	U 14's	A
13 th	Milton	Friendly	H
14 th	Cottenham	U 11's	A
17 th	Somersham	U 14's	H
19 th	Burwell III	League	A
20 th	NCI	Friendly	A
21 st	Over	U 11's	H
24 th	Fen Ditton	U 14's	A
26 th	Littleport II	League	H

There will also be coaching sessions for the Junior teams every week by qualified coaches.

If you are interested in playing for (or helping with) the under 11's or under 14's then contact Julie Lemon, **201502** or Mark Thompson, **781169** respectively.

If you want more up-to-date information on the Cricket Club you should check out the Clubs Web page (www.barhillcricket.org.uk). We have revamped it for this season and expect to update it regularly with all the latest results and news.

Tennis Club

The new tennis season is rapidly approaching and we are all hoping for a long hot summer! Before the new season begins we invite all existing, but particularly potential new members, to our **Open Day** 10am to 2pm Saturday 5 May. **Free burgers** for the children! Racquets and balls will be provided but you must wear flat training shoes.

The Club has vacancies for both adult and junior members. We offer coaching from our Club coach and welcome beginners who have not played before.

We have maintained our club membership rates at last year's level:

Juniors £20

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We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We start our first adult club night on Tuesday 2 May and have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights.

For more details contact:

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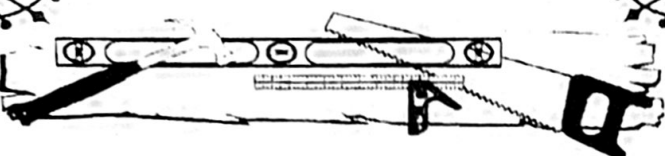
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Longstanton Bowls Club has several members from Bar Hill. Why not come along and join them? The bowls green is on the recreation ground at Over Road, Longstanton. The game of bowls offers opportunities for making new friends, gentle exercise and entertainment.

The new season begins on Saturday 28 April at 2 pm and beginners, as well as experienced bowlers, are welcome to come along. The annual subscription is £20 (£15 for senior citizens).

If you decide bowls is for you, then you would need to purchase a pair of proper bowls shoes and a set of bowls (bowls can often be purchased second hand as experienced bowlers often change their bowls for heavier or lighter ones).

All members of the Club play in at least one league, which gives on average one match per week during the season which runs through the summer to the first week in September. Fees per match are £1.50, and there are always refreshments at the end of the match as well as an opportunity to chat with members of both teams. Away matches give members an opportunity to travel to other Clubs' greens in Cambridge and District. As a new bowler, if you wish to take part in our beginners league, please join the Club as soon as possible as the schedule is made up before the start of the season.

Monday evenings are Club evenings when bowlers go along to the green to practise, although this is done in a mildly competitive manner by running a bowls drive. If you are unable to make open day on 28th April, come along on any Monday evening after that date to try your hand. If you just want to watch and see what happens then that's free too!

Hope to see you at the beginning of the season!

Contact the Secretary Keith Brazier 781462 for any further information or get in touch with Phyllis or Jimmy James who will probably arrange car lifts for those without transport.



Shotokan Karate

New kids class starts in May. Boys and girls, 7 to 16 years. Previous experience not required. Safe, friendly environment.

Venue: Village Hall

Kids class: 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

Cost: £2 per session

Adults class: 8.00pm - 9.50pm.

Cost: £4 per session

If you or your kids would like to take up karate or have any questions, please contact me, Marek Bialo on 201640.

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♣♦ Bridge Club ♥♠

We play duplicate bridge every Wednesday evening at Longstanton Social Centre (in the High Street, opposite The Dale) and have members living in Cambridge, Over, Bar Hill etc. as well as Longstanton itself.

Now EBU affiliated and awarding Master Points, the club is small and friendly and welcomes visitors and new members. Duplicate bridge is not suitable for beginners at bridge but you don't need to have played duplicate before.

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The Table Tennis Club meets every Tuesday evening in the School Hall.

The big news this month was the presentation of the 'Rookie' awards for Junior members (see front cover). I am pleased to be able to announce that all our Junior members successfully completed the basic skills, and we were lucky to have **Martin**, one of our visiting experts to present them with their certificates.

I must say a big thank you to both **Martin** and his colleague **Andy** (and to **Kevin** last time), for their valuable time, not only for the presentations, but also for their expert coaching, which will undoubtedly help these young boys and girls improve their skills.

We are still fully subscribed, for the Juniors session, but if you wish to be placed on our waiting list, please contact me. We will then advise when a place becomes available.

More to 'serve up' next BHN.

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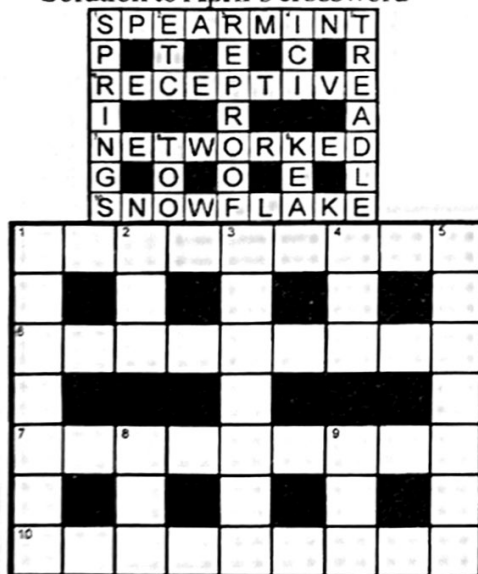
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This is the time of year when I finally dig out my compost bin. Ideally we should spread the compost or use it for bean trenches in the autumn but time or weather never seems to allow this. Compost is very important as a soil improver. It lightens heavy soil, but also makes light soil less 'dusty' and improves drainage as well as holding water. All this in addition to providing plant nutrients. I enjoy finding countless invertebrates; the slugs and snails go back into the bin to make next year's compost while I like the fast moving creatures to roam the plots, as they are hunters and they help remove the slow plant eaters, so reducing the need for chemical control.

Anyone interested in taking a plot should contact Paul Lloyd 200591.

Solution to April's crossword



Across

- 1 - Reprint
- 6 - Without limit
- 7 - Yellow flower. One of the heavenly host
- 10 - Protection beside stair

Down

- 1 - Edible leaf stems
- 2 - Place of refreshment
- 3 - School of architecture
- 4 - Short form of India(n)
- 5 - Squeezes together
- 8 - Able container
- 9 - Exclamation



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Catching a bus couldn't be easier thanks to a new photocard bus pass being launched throughout the County.

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Councillor Simon Kime, Chairman of South Cambridgeshire District Council explained, "This is a great bonus to our residents - many who are in quite rural areas and don't find it easy to get around. Reduced fares are available on all local bus services throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It also enables eligible passengers to travel on journeys that start or end in either of those areas - though unfortunately long distances express coach services or excursions off to the Continent are ruled out!"

To qualify for the new pass potential passengers need to belong to the following groups:

- Pensioners (men aged 65 or over, or women aged 60 or over)
- Disabled people who qualify for the higher rate mobility component Disability Living Allowance.
- Registered deaf.
- Those who are without speech, and can provide medical evidence.
- Those who are prevented from obtaining a driving licence on medical grounds. Those registered blind or partially sighted.
- Those who have a learning disability which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning.

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Where can passengers collect their passes?

Residents of South Cambridgeshire can collect their pass from the Council Offices 9 - 11 Hills Road, Cambridge or from any village Post Office in the District.

To collect a pass there is a simple application form to complete and a requirement to prove eligibility. This could be evidence of age, or a registration form or card. All passes issued from 1st April will require a passport sized photograph.

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The Colts

Hi all!

Well the dark curtain is now drawing another season towards it's close, and we fast approach the time when relegations and promotions are decided.

Fixtures

No fixtures this month, as things seem to change daily. With the bad weather we've been having, we will be playing games right up to the last possible moment, and I'm sure that even if you can't get the chance to get down to the Village Green at the weekends, there will no doubt be a chance to catch one of the midweek games that will surely be taking place in an effort to get all the games completed. I hope that I will be able to bring you news of how all our teams fared over the past months.

The Right Attitude

This month we are proud to be able to publish a letter from a Referee, who recently took charge at a game in which one of our teams played. Rather than me going on, I'll let the letter speak for itself:

"My name is Jason Keeley, and I today had the privilege of refereeing your under 13's against Panthers under 13's at Moulton near Newmarket. In the current climate of people complaining about clubs etc, I would like to put a few records straight. The conduct of your club today was quite superb.

The players on the pitch did not disgrace Bar Hill Colts in any way at all, their conduct towards myself as the referee was outstanding, and in general they played the game as it should be. It was a pleasure for me to referee a fine bunch of players. The conduct of the parents was excellent, they gave myself no trouble at all, (if only more teams/parents were the same, this would mean I think, us not losing referees). Lastly, it was such a change to have a club linesman provided, who was never a cheat, was fair and honest and I will have no hesitation in having him run the line for me again. Good luck to the boys for the rest of their football careers, and many thanks for what was a very



enjoyable Sunday afternoon. I will of course be letting the league know of my comments in due course. Yours In Sport,

Jason Keeley, Referee"

I am sure I speak for the entire Village, when I say "we are proud of our Under 13's team. Well done to John Lumb and his boys".

Presentation Evening

Our annual Presentation Evening will take place on Saturday

19th May in the School Hall. With so many youngsters taking part in football within our village, the event will be split into two sections.

The Juniors (up to Under 11's) will have their celebrations from 5:30 till 7:00, whilst the Seniors (Under 12's to 17's) get the 8:00 till we finish spot. If you do want to see the boys and girls get their end of season rewards, please turn up early, as space is always limited. This year will be a lot of fun, with many new boys and girls joining in the fun. At the same time it is always tinged with sadness, as some of our older lads leave the colts, and move on to senior football. Still we wish them all good futures, and trust that they enjoyed their time with us.

Cambridge City Lottery

Just a quick reminder about the 'lottery' aimed at providing much needed funds for our club. I thought I would once again let you have the details, so that you can join in (if you haven't already). The 'Great Weather Lottery' is based on temperatures from locations around the world. You simply select 6 numbers from 0 to 9, for your one line entry. Each line costs only £1.00 per week, but here's the good news; a daily draw means that there are 5 chances to win every week, so that's only 20p per go. Each day we take the last digit of the recorded temperature (in Fahrenheit) as reported in the Daily Telegraph for 6 locations, so you can check your line in the Telegraph each day. Let me give you an example



Corfu 93°, Tenerife 90°, Edinburgh

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0, 0, 1, 3, 4, 5 (numerical order). But of course, you all want to know the prizes that are at stake, when you match up with the various numbers.

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Match 4 = £ 20

Match 5 = £ 200

Match 6 = £ 10,000

Your prizes, are sent to you automatically, and there is no prize sharing. If 10 people match 6 numbers, then each of them will get £10,000. You can even win more than one prize a week. If you would like to sign up for a line, then please contact us, and we'll get someone round to take you through it, in full. Come and have a go - it's only 20p a day!

Friends of the Colts

This year we are holding a very special event for Colts committee members past and present. This is extra special as some of our longest serving members will be leaving the Colts at the end of this season. Special thanks go to Ian Crofts, Treasurer, and Ruth Fordham, Entertainments, both of whom will be retiring after a record fundraising year. A special thanks go to Di Chapman our Secretary, for her sterling service, and many hours of hard work over the "many years" that she has been with us. I for one can affirm that they will all be sorely missed. It won't be the same without you folks.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on the first Tuesday in June. Anyone who is interested to find out more about what goes on in our organisation is welcome to attend, and I hope that many of the parents of children playing will be there to be a part of it all. We will of course be electing our officers for the coming year, and nominations for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Parents Representative, and Entertainments are all sought at this time.

and finally ...

Should you wish, please feel free to contact us at any time. More to 'kick around' next time.

Barry Dean

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(The re-cycled youth club)

Whilst we were in Portugal recently, at a place called Monte De Gordo, we happened to be strolling along the front when we noticed a pub called 'Paddy's Bar'. Ironically enough it was St. Patrick's Day and there, hanging from a piece of string, was a stone. On it was the following:-

The Weather Stone

If there's a shadow	It's sunny
If there isn't	It's cloudy
If it's wet	It's raining
If it's dry	It's not
If it's white	It's snowing
If it's swinging	It's windy
If it's hot	It's hot
If it's cold	It's cold
If it's jumping	There's an earthquake!

Comment: There's none so humorous as the Irish, God bless them.

Margaret Fielding

To have written our contribution to the BHN for 2001 has indeed been a very sad task. Not one month has gone by this year without having to report a bereavement. Of course the age group we have means that it is not entirely unexpected. When you have known these lovely people for so many years they become good friends, friends to be cherished and never forgotten. How much do we know of their personal lives and families? Not very much, I am afraid. There are quite a number of people living in Bar Hill who seem to dedicate themselves to helping the community not only here but in all parts of the country and one such person was Margaret Fielding. Margaret suffered a massive heart attack several years ago that severely restricted her life-style, but she had a wonderful husband in John who took great care of her. They spent a lot of time abroad caring for others. What more can you give in life but to try and help others? John and Margaret were members of Happy Hours right from the beginning, but in the last year or so this wasn't possible. In all the

years I have known them I have never seen but a smile on that wonderful woman's face. God rest her soul Margaret, our love, and deep commiserations go to dear John. She lived respected and died regretted.

The Octagon

By the time you read this we will be back in the Octagon and what a super job has been done by the builders. Chairman Sid and the Committee sincerely hope that you have not been too severely inconvenienced in the past few weeks and that you will enjoy your new surroundings. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for the money they provided to make all this possible. Also our great thanks to Revd. Gary Renison in trying to accommodate us.

Sick list

Olive is continuing to make progress and is now able to walk without the crutches. We are all looking forward to welcoming her back amongst us again. My apologies to Eileen Shears for some of my past edicts, I get so confused these days, it must be age and senility rolled into one. It was delightful to catch up with my dear Haggis colleague, Alec Crombie - take good care of yourself, I know Betty certainly is. How she is able to control you heaven knows!

Brighton Holiday - 21-25 May

We haven't given up hope yet. The coach people are still trying to give us a coach to share with another group.

New members

We haven't been all together since Christmas because of the temporary move away from the Octagon. Consequently the new members who have joined since then have not all been introduced to everyone. The new members are:- Dennis Holt, Winifred Holt, Ida Sulman, Malcolm Askham. On behalf of the Chairman, Committee and members I would like to welcome them to our weekly gatherings. We feel sure that you will enjoy your time with us. The important thing is to join in all our activities, trips and holidays etc. We are open to any new ideas and suggestions so don't be frightened, tell us, but most

of all join in the fun and enjoy yourselves.

You know when you are getting old

Your favourite part of the newspaper is '25 years ago today'.

You sit in the rocking chair and can't make it work.

You finally get to the top of the ladder and find it's leaning against the wrong wall.

Good News

Our last outing to Bury-St-Edmunds went off with a bang. We don't think anyone was disappointed except that it was cold with a little sleet, too cold to play bowls. We had almost a full coach.

We are now in the swing of things for 2001. King's Lynn for the market is our next objective on Tue. 15th May. We will be gathering at the Health Centre at 9.30am. Helen and Phyllis will be taking names, so get down as soon as you can. First come, first served. We are limited to a 33 seater coach and can not afford to have empty seats

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Jimmy James 201127

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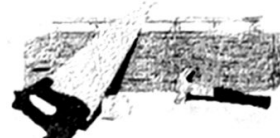
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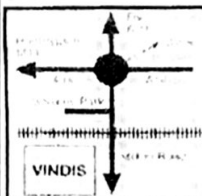
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Sun 20th	10.00am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
	8.00pm	'Impact' - Youth Event	(No 6.30pm Evening Service)
Wed 23th	10.00am	Mid-week Communion	
Thu 24th	8.00pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton
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		7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

May 14th

As a child, I was never very good at football. I was good at rugby, but not at football and because of it, I was always being left towards the end when teams were being picked. More often than not I was put in goal ... (which I didn't really mind, because I could use my hands and I was good at rugby!).

Saint Matthias must have felt a bit like that. His feast day falls on Monday 14th May this year and he was picked to be an Apostle, taking the place of Judas who betrayed Jesus to the authorities and then committed suicide. The Bible tells us that they 'drew lots' to see which of two proposed replacements should be an Apostle and Matthias won, defeating Joseph Barsabbas, also known

as Justus. And that's it - no more information at all!

Legends disagree as to whether he preached in Ethiopia and died there, or was beheaded or was crucified, but the Bible keeps a curtain of silence over him.

I've no doubt that he faithfully exercised his calling as an Apostle, preaching the Good News about Jesus, setting up Churches, etc., but history is more interested in Peter, Paul, Thomas and the others.

But I like Matthias - the quiet, unassuming Apostle who just gets on with his job without making a fuss. I know that there are many in Bar Hill who are just like that - they don't seek the lime-light, but that get on with what we're given to do and faithfully serve those

around them.

So maybe on Monday 14th May, you'll stop for a minute and, with me, offer a prayer of thanks for all those who work quietly behind the scenes to make our lives that little bit easier.

Rev'd Paul Rush

Under Ones

Come along from 10 - 12 am on a Wednesday morning in the Church Octagon for coffee/tea and a chat.

All are welcome, mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers with babies birth to 12 months.

We have a wide variety of toys, a book library and changing facilities.

An informal friendly morning to relax and let the babies play.

For more information contact Alwyn Keeves **781050**

What's On

Thu.	3rd	8.00 pm	Birthday Party	8 O'Clock Club	School
Fri.	4th	3.00 - 4.00 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Sat.	5th	8.30 - 12.00am	Car boot / bike / large garden toy sale	School PTA	School Playground
Thu.	10th	8.00 pm	Decisions / decisions	National Women's Register	55 Acorn Avenue
Fri.	11th	8.00 - 12.00 pm	Auction of Promises	Sunshine Pre-School	Moat House Hotel
Sat.	12th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jumble Sale	Scouts	Scout Hut
Mon.	14th		The New Mall opens	Tesco	The New Mall
Fri.	18th	3.00 - 4.00 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Sat.	19th		Presentation Evening	The Colts	School Hall
Mon.	21st	8.00 pm	The hand that rocks the cradle	National Women's Register	55 Acorn Avenue
Tue.	22nd	8.15pm	AGM	Football Club	Village Hall
Thu.	24th	7.30pm	Meeting	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Fri.	25th	3.15pm	Cake Stall	School PTA	School Hall
Thu.	31st	8.00pm	AGM	Toy Library	Community Lounge
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Fri.	1st		Pirate Playday	Pre-School Playgroup	Village Hall (The High Seas!)
Tue.	5th		AGM	The Colts	
Thu.	7th		County Council election		Church Centre
		8.00 pm	Room 101	National Women's Register	15 Partridge Drive
		8.00 pm	Red Cross	8 O'Clock Club	School
Tue.	12th	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Junior Session	Table Tennis Club	School Hall
Thu.	14th	9.30 am	Trip to 'Activity World', Peterborough	Sunshine	Peterborough
Fri.	15th	3.00 - 4.00 pm	Session - Cake Stall	Toy Library	School Studio
Mon.	18th	8.00 pm	Talk on Cambridge Folklore	National Women's Register	4 Almond Grove
Sat.	23rd		Family Fun Day	School PTA	
Tue.	26th	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Junior Session	Table Tennis Club	School Hall

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Fête 2001

Saturday 30th June

2 pm on the Village Green

THE WILD WEST COMES TO BAR HILL!

FEATURES INCLUDE:

* A display of Falconry by the Raptor Foundation.
 (Starts at 2.00pm)

* A Wild West Show by Martell's Raiders,
 comprising gun tricks, rope tricks and comic sketches

* Line dancing by the Whaddon Stompers. Spectators may join in

* A bucking bronco bull. Find out if you are a man or a mouse.

* Native American artefacts, sculptures and cowboy gear.



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